

Section 180.2, Title 14, CCR, is amended to read:

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 9003 of the Fish and Game Code, every trap used to take fin fish, mollusks or crustaceans ~~in waters of the state~~ shall contain at least one of the destruct devices approved by the department and listed in subsections (a) and (b) below. The use of any structures or materials that defeat the purpose of the destruct device is prohibited.

(a) Each of the approved destruct devices shall create an unobstructed escape opening in the top or upper half of the trap of at least 5 inches in diameter when the destruct device attachment material corrodes or fails, except traps used to take Dungeness crabs, which are constructed of wire mesh, may have a single wire mesh that protrudes into the destruct device opening a distance of not more than 2 1/2 inches, as measured from the perimeter of the opening along either edge of the protruding wire mesh, to serve as an anchor for the destruct attachment material. On Dungeness crab traps constructed of wire mesh, the panel containing the destruct device and the wire mesh acting as an anchor for the destruct material must be constructed of a single wire no greater than .050 inches in diameter.

(b) Approved destruct attachment materials are limited to the following:

(1) ~~soft steel rod not greater than one-quarter (.25) inch in diameter~~ 14 gauge (.080 + or - .003 inch) or smaller metal hog rings excluding stainless steel or other non-corrosive materials;

(2) untreated cotton twine size No. 21-thread or less, except that traps used to take Dungeness or rock crabs are limited to a single strand of untreated cotton twine size No. 120 or less;

(3) 24 gauge (.028 + or - .003 inch) or smaller bare metal crimps (J clips) excluding stainless steel or other non-corrosive materials; or,

(4) magnesium pins not larger than one-quarter (.25) inch in diameter which may be used to hold together each half of plastic or fiberglass traps or may be used to attach the lid or door; or,

~~(b)(5)~~ (5) The use of rubber straps attached to metal or plastic hooks with a single loop of untreated cotton twine size No. 120 or less may be used to close the trap provided they are attached in such a manner as to aid the destruct process. The use of any rubber strap or non-corrosive material that defeats the purpose of the destruct panel is prohibited.

NOTE: Authority cited: Sections ~~240, 7708, 8500, 9003, 9005 and 9006~~, Fish and Game Code.

Reference: Sections ~~8500, 9002, 9003, 9005, 9006, 9007 and 9008~~, Fish and Game Code.